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love your enemies and do good to them.'

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to lay down your life for your friends.'

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Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere
and make them my disciples,
and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'

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God of mercy,

you know us and love us

and hear our prayer:

keep us in the eternal fellowship of

Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**



Conclusion

Hear the teaching of Jesus:

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'

Go now to do God's will.

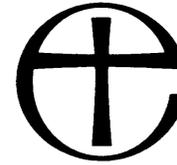
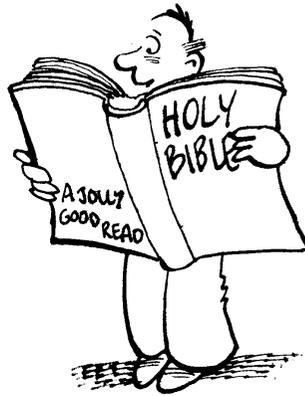
The Lord bless you. **Amen**

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CELEBRATING GODS WORD



Preparation

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

cf Colossians 3.16,17

Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active.

It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 119.121-128

- 121 I have done what is just and right; ♦
O give me not over to my oppressors.
- 122 Stand surety for your servant's good; ♦
let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 My eyes fail with watching for your salvation ♦
and for your righteous promise.
- 124 O deal with your servant according to your faithful love ♦
and teach me your statutes.
- 125 I am your servant; O grant me understanding, ♦
that I may know your testimonies.
- 126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, ♦
for they frustrate your law.
- 127 Therefore I love your commandments ♦
above gold, even much fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I direct my steps by all your precepts, ♦
and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Reading

Isaiah 55.6-11

Reflections

I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**



*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
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Finest bread I will provide
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